

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
In re Application of
YASUMASA WATABE ET AL

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Title: APPARATUS FOR WRITING AN OPTICAL RECORD CARRIER

Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claims 3 and 4 to be in the form as follows. A marked up copy of the claims is included in an appendix following this amendment for the Examiners convenience.

3. Apparatus according to claim 1, characterized in that the unit (35) for generating a ratio signal (Sr) comprises a sample and hold unit (351) for sampling the second detection signal (Sd2) and generating a first auxiliary signal (S1), the sample and hold unit (351) being coupled to a sample signal generator (312) which generates a sample signal at a moment that a portion of the record carrier is to be erased, the unit (35) further comprising a peak detector (352) for generating a second auxiliary signal (S2), the peak detector (352) and the sample and hold unit (351) being